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Application Number 10/065,256	Filed September 30, 2002	
For Suture Method		
Group Art Unit 3765	Examiner Julian W. Woo	

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